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All of these societies have their headquarters in the building of the American Unitarian Association, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass. The names of the principal officers of each society will be found on the first pages of the sections devoted to their respective organizations. The work and purpose of these societies may be stated in brief as follows:

THE AMERICAN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

The Association was founded in 1825, its object being "to diffuse the knowledge and promote the interests of pure Christianity. In furtherance of this purpose the Association publishes books, reports, and tracts; supports missionaries; establishes and maintains churches, and aids in supporting ministers; assists students in preparing for the ministry; and helps fellow-citizens of foreign birth and speech in entering upon their American life. It administers endowments for the benefit of schools and churches of the Unitarian order; for the relief of poor and worthy ministers and the widows of ministers; for providing public lectures in centers of population; for the benefit of schools for colored people in the South; and for many other beneficent purposes.

THE ALLIANCE OF UNITARIAN WOMEN

The National Alliance was organized in 1890, and has for its aims primarily to quicken the religious life of the Unitarian churches, and to bring the women of the denomination into closer acquaintance, co-operation and fellowship; to promote local organizations of women for missionary and denominational work; to bring them into helpful association; to collect and disseminate information regarding all matters of interest to the denomination, such as needs of local societies, facilities for meeting these needs, work to be done, the collection and distribution of money, and in general to devise ways and means for the most efficient usefulness of the women of the Unitarian fellowship.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S RELIGIOUS UNION

The Union was organized in 1896, and its purposes are to foster the religious life; to bring the young people of the Unitarian churches into closer relations with one another; and to spread rational views of religion and to put into practice such principles of life and duty as tend to uplift mankind. The cardinal principles of the Union are truth, worship and service. It maintains a field secretary to promote the organization of the young people and to extend the fellowship of the Union.

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EDITORIAL

ALTHOUGH the "Literary Digest," "Current Opinion" and many sectarian publications print extracts from the sermons and speeches of hysterical opponents of Unitarianism; and although preachers and editors vie with each other in producing all kinds of Unitarian obituaries, it is a curious fact that earnest inquiries in ever increasing numbers come to the Unitarian headquarters, desiring to know first hand what the basis of our faith really is. The Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton, of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, is quoted as saying:

"In spite of social, financial, intellectual and moral prestige, it (Unitarianism) has fallen fast and pitifully behind, while the people who believe in God as God Almighty, the ruler of the universe, as the personal Father who created men, who rules them, who loves and judges them, who has redeemed them through the vicarious atonement given by His divine son Jesus Christ, are growing more powerful all the time."

THE trouble with such plausible statements as the above lies in their implications. They are not just and well considered, but are intended to bias the judgment and arouse the prejudices of an already hypnotized audience.

(1) In the first place the above words imply that Unitarians do not believe in God as the father who loves and judges his children, which is as false and slanderous a charge as could be concocted by any pettifogging attorney.

(2) It implies that because a certain religious propaganda grows "more powerful all the time," it must, therefore, be absolutely right, and those who differ from its dogmatic teachings must be wrong. That is, it is a resort to "the infallibility of numbers" which, since the world began, has been a snare and a delusion. It is doubtful if even Dr. Eaton would force his argument to its logical limit and declare that because the Roman Catholics are increasing more rapidly than his own denomination they are nearer right than he. The fact is the multitudes do not think straight and, from the beginning, the full truth has been with the thinking minority.

(3) Dr. Eaton's statement also implies that Unitarianism is on the decline and like hundreds of other similar assertions made since Dr. Eliot published "The Religion of the Twentieth Century," attempts to prepossess the public mind with an unjust and unfounded conclusion. Uni-

tarianism has not "failed in the United States," as Dr. Eaton would have the people believe. It has just begun the work of purging his and other churches of medieval superstitions and errors. It has already done much along these lines and is growing in influence and in numbers every day.

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"BILLY SUNDAY in Pittsburgh has recently resorted to these unfair and unchristian attacks, and the result has been an unparalleled increase of Unitarian interest and growth. In his reply to Mr. Sunday, Dr. Mason, of the First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh, used the following words:

"Let me say a word concerning his assertion that Unitarianism is dying out. If that were actually true there would be little use in our going on to learn what it is. Never in its comparatively short history has the Unitarian church grown as it has in the past decade. When I began my ministry twenty-five years ago there were 316 Unitarian churches, now there are 515 churches in this country. Of this number 36 have been added in the last three years. To consider the region near at hand; take the triangle including Buffalo, Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Twenty-five years ago this region had but three Unitarian churches; today there are 14. And two of the original three have had to be rebuilt larger, to accommodate the growing congregations. In this comparatively small district our church properties, built up almost entirely in twenty-five years, have cost nearly half a million dollars. That does not include our Theological School, which is in this district, at Meadville, which in that time has received four hundred thousand dollars to enlarge its plant and strengthen its endowment.

"In the English speaking countries of the British Empire the growth of the Unitarian church has about kept pace with its growth in the United States.

"Considering the fact that Unitarians have always been opposed to proselyting and had no ambition to build up a separate sect, the growth of the church has been remarkable.

"The growth within our denomination, vigorous as it is, is small compared to the growth outside of denominational lines. Men like Emerson have gone far-a-field. Channing's works have been translated into every European tongue. And the seed which the fathers scattered abroad in faith and love is now producing the harvest. On the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the American Unitarian Association, President S. A. Eliot launched a movement for an International Congress of Liberal Churches—churches of the modern spirit and the Unitarian habit of mind, without regard to their names or earlier traditions.

"Around the Unitarian standard six sessions have been held in Europe and America. Thirty different nationalities and sixty different church fellowships are represented in this international congress. Among the speakers have been Harnack, Eucken, Paul Sabatier and scores of the most famous scholars of Germany, France and England. It has been estimated that one-fourth of the Protestant churches of Germany and one-third of the Protestant churches of Holland were represented in the congress when it met in Berlin, which means that they are in fellowship with Unitarians.

"There are absolutely no facts to warrant the statement that the Unitarian church is dying. When we consider who says it is, we are constrained to believe that 'the wish is father of the thought.'"

TO the above, Dr. Mason might have added that more ministers from other churches have sought fellowship with the Unitarians during the past year than during any previous three years, and that more ministers have been admitted than during any year in our history. He might have said that from these very congregations that Dr. Eaton refers to as "growing more powerful all the time" we are receiving more applications for our literature than ever before, and that the one point of real difference which he cites—"the vicarious atonement given by his divine son Jesus Christ"—is the very point which great numbers of people within his church are questioning.

It is a safe hazard to remark that if one really wants to find unbelief and heresy, one should consult *privately* the very people who occupy the pews and the pulpits of the Orthodox churches. Our voluminous correspondence, supported by that of scores of Post Office Mission workers, substantiates this assertion.

IF Unitarianism were really expiring, these bitter tirades against it would not be made. It is because it is on the increase, because it is showing the inevitable limitations of Orthodoxy, because it is compelling a revision of the creeds of medievalism and because it is forever recalling the world away from the untenable pretensions of sectarian arrogance to the simple principles of the Sermon on the Mount, that these embittered pulpiteers indulge in such exhibitions of secret mortification and chagrin.

One suspects that it is not because they hate Unitarianism more, but because they have less faith in their own teachings and in the theological basis on which their missionary enterprises are conducted that such preachers as Dr. Eaton wax hot in their attempts to reassure the Orthodox multitudes which are shot through and through with the very Unitarianism which they condemn. If Unitarianism were really dying its Christian (?) opponents surely would have the grace to let it die in peace. Even such a cold-blooded enemy as Dr. Eaton would not jump on a man or a cause that is drawing its last breath. We half suspect that the opponents of Unitarianism realize that the thing for which Unitarianism stands can never be killed, for if every church bearing the name were to be extinguished to-morrow and if all organized efforts to promote it were discontinued, still the thing known as Unitarianism would be a living force, permeating every church and arousing interest and multiplying its champions in every stratum of human society, It has the spirit of truth, it has confidence in the integrity of life and it is impatient with everything that cannot find a basis in reason and experience. Therefore, it must live.

Ministerial Personals.

American Unitarian Association

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Rev. SAMUEL A. ELIOT, D.D., *President* HENRY M. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer*

Rev. LEWIS G. WILSON, *Secretary* F. STANLEY HOWE, *Assistant Secretary*

Ministerial Personals

Rev. B. F. McDaniel, of the Norfolk Church, died at his home, in Dorchester, on April 26th.

Rev. Samuel R. Maxwell has resigned at Greenfield to accept a call to the Second Church in Boston.

Rev. George H. Reed has resigned at Belmont to accept a call to Fairhaven, Mass.

Rev. George C. Sharpe has come out from England to take charge of the Society in Vancouver, B. C.

Rev. J. T. Sunderland has accepted a call to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and will be installed on May 3rd.

Rev. F. A. Taglialatela has accepted a commission to work among the Italian in Philadelphia and New York.

Rev. P. S. Thatcher has accepted a call to Hamilton, Ont.

Rev. B. D. Boivin has resigned at Middleboro, to take effect September first.

Rev. Otto Lyding of the Harvard Divinity School has accepted a call to be the Assistant Minister of the First Church in Roxbury.

Finances

The fiscal year of the Association, which has just ended, has been a difficult one for the raising of money for public-spirited enterprises. All philanthropic and missionary organizations have felt the strain. A certain depression or apprehension in the business life of the nation has caused many people who have heretofore been generous supporters of benevolent enterprises to reduce their contributions. In New England the stringency has been particularly felt, for the securities in which New England people have their investments have been particularly hard hit. The cessation of dividends on the part of such corporations as the New Haven Road and the Boston & Maine, has affected the income of many Unitarians. This has immediately appeared in their gifts for church and missionary purposes. The contributions of the smaller churches to the Association have not materially changed, but a good many of the larger churches have been unable to raise as much as heretofore for the missionary cause. Not until the books of the Association are closed will it be known just what the results of the financial year are, but it is altogether probable that the income of the Association from the churches will show some slight reduction from the gifts of previous years. It is no comfort to know that other missionary organizations have suffered more than the Unitarian. It is to be hoped that the reduction of income will not be so great as to oblige the Directors to adopt a smaller Budget for the new fiscal year, and to curtail the work of the Association.

Among the contributors during the first half of April many encouraging gains are to be noted. The best of all is the gain in the contribution of the Church in Cleveland. This society has during the last five years made regular increases in its gifts for the national cause. This year its contribution rises from $600 to $700, and the society steps into the ranks of the most generous supporters of the national cause. Other

societies which continue the excellent course of the last five years with an increase practically every year are the societies in Augusta, Maine, which goes this year from $150 to $206; Dover, N. H.; Hood River, Ore.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Nashua, N. H.; Peabody, Mass.; Palo Alto, Cal.; Richmond, Va., and Woburn, Mass. The energy and devotion of our friends in these societies is much appreciated. It is a pleasure also to acknowledge the gains in the gifts of All Souls', Roxbury; Charleston, S. C.; Colorado Springs, Col.; Deerfield, Mass.; Hudson, Mass.; Indianapolis, Ind., which doubles its gift of former years; Leominster, Mass.; Lowell, Mass.; Marietta, Ohio, which also more than doubles; Albany, N. Y.; Bangor, Maine; West Roxbury, Mass.; South Boston, Mass.; Northfield and Pittsfield, Mass., both of which double former gifts; Portland, Maine, and Wellesley, Mass. Winnipeg gives three times as much as it ever has before, and the First Church, San Francisco, makes a good increase. The new society in San Antonio begins a good record.

Comity and Fellowship

The Massachusetts and Rhode Island Federation of the Churches of Christ, of which that consecrated apostle of Christian unity, Rev. E. Tallmadge Root, is the efficient secretary, recognizes no sectarian distinctions but admits liberal as well as Orthodox Christians to its councils and work. President Samuel A. Eliot, D. D., is a vice-president of the Massachusetts Federation and active in its councils and work, to which the American Unitarian Association makes an annual contribution. In its own home missionary endeavors the Association endeavors to carry out the principles of the Federation, to discourage duplication and overlapping and denominational rivalry in planting and sustaining churches, to encourage church unity, and to promote the fellowship of the spirit in the bond of peace.

As an indication of the increased interest taken by our Unitarian constituency in this cause it may be mentioned that at the Second Interdenominational Conference in Boston a census of delegates showed 138 Unitarian women present, or double the number from any other of the half dozen church bodies represented.

Similarly, a discussion, printed in "Doubt and Faith," of Unitarian beliefs between Principal Walter F. Adeney, D. D., of London, the then President of the Congregational Church Council of England, and the Secretary of this Department, Rev. C. W. Wendte, D. D., was worthy of attention if only to show in what a temperate, sympathetic and kindly spirit theological controversies may and should be conducted in our age.

Department of Foreign Relations

The contributions to the Macedonian Refugee Relief Fund, now closed, have amounted to $1,057.48.

Our faithful representative in Bulgaria, Rev. Antony N. Toplisky, writes under date of the 2nd of April:

"I give you herewith a more detailed account of how the money you sent us has been expended. It will not be necessary to enumerate the aid given in each individual case.

I. The help given to the refugees in my own town of Doubnitza and the surrounding villages.

II. The help given refugees who were on their way back from Sofia, Samocor, and other towns to their villages and farms in Macedonia.

The spring is come, and they are now returning to their abandoned and often-ruined homes.

III. The help I have been able to give to the refugees whom I recently visited in Dzoumaja, Melnik, and their surrounding villages.

This help usually took the form of food, clothing, etc. We could buy these articles in larger quantities to better advantage than they, if we had given them the money. But there were places and conditions where it was impossible to do this, and where I gave them the money directly, but always in very small amounts. Never did I give to young or strong men who could work. Our government supplied these returning exiles with horses and wagons, but they suffered from want of food and were often in a very bad condition. In such cases our aid was a wonderful relief to them. All uttered their heartfelt thanks for the Christian charity which helped them in their sore need. Many were the tears in the eyes of the women to whom I had dispensed your gifts to enable them to procure bread for themselves and their children. Over one thousand of these unhappy victims of war are thankful for the blessings received from our foreign Unitarian brothers and sisters in America.

My own expenses for travel by horse and wagon, food, transportation, etc., from the beginning till now, have amounted to $54. We were able to sell your American gold bank draft at a profit to us of about $30, which enabled me to come to the aid of some of the poorest families a second time. The needs of these poor people are indeed great, but little by little they are finding ways of self-help and support. There are others who are in permanent distress, but our Bulgarian relief societies must take care of these. I am working here to this end. We have until now received $600 from you. The balance sent, when it reaches me, will be expended in similar ways. I gladly make personal sacrifices for this cause, in which my mind, sympathies and conscience are enlisted in the highest degree. God sees my heart and knows that I have done my very best to administer your bounty, which is a magnificent monument of international solidarity, humanity and Christian charity erected among us in the very beginning of the Unitarian movement in Bulgaria."

Department of Religious Education

In the last two numbers of WORD AND WORK an effort was made to help students and teachers of the Bible to choose such manuals and other books as will guide them most easily and directly to an understanding of the scriptures. In this number it is proposed to mention the titles of certain books that lead to an understanding of developing life. The subject is so large that it is difficult to name small books, and is so largely technical that it is not always easy to find books that may be easily used. In this article, however, only such helps will be mentioned as may profitably be used by parents and teachers lacking technical training.

"The Pupil and the Teacher," by Dr. Luther A. Weigle, seems, on the whole, to be the most valuable single book to meet the needs of the average teacher or parent who wants to know children and how to help them. It is scholarly and masterful, yet utterly simple. It costs only fifty cents, and may be obtained from the Lutheran Publishing Society, Philadelphia, Pa. Elizabeth Harrison's "A Study of Child Nature," published by the Chicago Kindergarten College and

selling at one dollar, is also to be highly commended. So, too, is Miss A. A. Lamoreaux's "The Unfolding Life." published by F. H. Revell Co., New York, at seventy-five cents. Kirkpatrick's "Fundamentals of Child Study" is regarded as of the highest value. It goes a little more fully into the psychology of childhood, and is a larger book than those already mentioned. It is published by Macmillan & Co., New York, and sells for $1.25.

This list might easily be expanded. Let us add G. W. Fiske's "Boy Life and Self Government," published by the Association Press, New York, at $1.00; G. E. Dawson's "The Child and His Religion," published by the University of Chicago Press at 75 cts.; E. O. Sisson's "The Essentials of Character," Macmillan & Co., $1.25; and, better it may be than any of these, Felix Adler's "The Moral Instruction of Children," published by Appleton, at $1.50. Prof. E. P. St. John's "Child Nature and Child Nurture," published by the Pilgrim Press, Boston, at 75 cts., and Miss Margaret Slattery's small volumes, published by the same house, are popular rather than profound, but may be highly stimulating to beginners. Going to the other extreme, Prof. E. D. Starbuck's "The Psychology of Religion," published by Scribners at $1.50, is a recognized masterpiece, as is Dr. G. A. Coe's "Education in Religion and Morals," published by the Revell Co., at $1.35. These are to be commended to those who wish to do a little careful reading on this subject.

In addition to such general treatises as these it may be well to have some books that treat of story-telling, especially with young children. Miss Ruth Cole Weatherbee, in her "Lessons for the Sunday Kindergarten," published by us, says that the books she has found most helpful are "three books by Laura Ella Cragin, 'Kindergarten Bible Sories,' 'Old Testament Stories,' and 'Kindergarten Stories for the Sunday School and Home;' 'Children of the Bible,' by Lillian B. Poor; the two books by Margaret Cushman Haven, 'Bible Lessons for Little Beginners' and 'The Children's Sunday Hour of Story and Song,' by Sara Bullard Moffatt and Julia A. Hidden; and (as she significantly adds) the Bible." She mentions also Frances Weld Danielson's "Songs for the Little People," and the Misses Rowland's "Childhood Songs." To this list should be added Florence M. Palmer's "One Year of Sunday School Lessons for Young People." This is one of the best. It is published by Macmillan at $1.00. Miss Fern's "The Sunday Kindergarten," University of Chicago Press, $1.25, is also good.

For fuller knowledge of organized Sunday-school work, Dr. H. F. Cope's two books, "The Modern Sunday School in Principle and Practice" and "Efficiency in the Sunday School" are to be highly commended. They cost $1.00 each, and may be had of any bookseller. M. S. Littlefield's "Handwork in the Sunday School," published by the Sunday School Times Co., at $1.00, is the best for that topic, but awaits replacement by a better one.

In commending such books to teachers and parents it is well to remember, to quote from Dr. Cope, that "we need more than feelings of affection. We need the love that loves enough to take pains to learn how to love, and lead young lives into fullness of living."

Publication Department

An event of significance in connection with our publishing work this month is the inaugurating in the Book Room at 25 Beacon

Street of a display of the recent books along Unitarian and progressive religious lines.

It is our intention to purchase from time to time such new books as come within this class, or books by Unitarian authors, which will be available for examination and sale. We shall also plan to keep our people informed of the acquisitions to this collection by means of a brief monthly notice in this column, where will be found the names, authors and prices of such books as have been added during the past month. It is hoped that all persons who are interested in the latest and best literature of this character, will keep in touch with our monthly bulletins and will patronize this new department. All those who wish to look over these books will find themselves welcome, and it is hoped that the sales will justify the expense involved in conducting this new branch of our activity.

We should like to call attention to three books by the Rev. Charles F. Dole, which have recently been added to our collection, viz., "The Religion of a Gentleman," "The Theology of Civilization" and "The Spirit of Democracy." Through the generosity of the author we have secured the full rights to these books, which may hereafter be obtained from us. The first two sell for 70 cents each; by mail, 75 cents; while the latter, "The Spirit of Democracy," is 90 cents; by mail, $1.00.

Houston

In the Southwestern part of this country, in the midst of a section of vast agricultural resources, rapidly expanding cities are rising to meet the necessities of commerce and trade. One of these cities, which apparently has a remakable future as a port, railway centre and commercial metropolis, is Houston. Already there are many buildings which would do credit to Cleveland or Toledo. The population is growing rapidly by the influx of men of the professions and of business from the Northern Central States.

Rev. James C. Duncan of Clinton, Mass., came here in February on the Billings Foundation and began Unitarian Services in Odd Fellows' Hall. As a result of his very efficient labors a good congregation came out Sunday after Sunday. Social meetings were held at the homes of the people and a real demand for a church was awakened. The organization was effected and constitution and by-laws adopted on February 22. Mrs. Duncan interested herself in the formation of an Alliance with a membership of some twenty-five good women. When Mr. and Mrs. Duncan left, it was with the sincere regret of all. Rev. William Channing Brown, Field Secretary of the Association, took up the work at this point. At Easter, twenty-three members united with the church and two young children were christened. The Alliance has developed into a real force. Miss Bancroft and Mrs. Peterson, president and vice-president of the Alliance, have visited Houston, and now all the people are looking forward to the settlement of a minister in the Fall. There is certainly a remarkable future of usefulness for this new church.

Annual Meeting

The eighty-ninth annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association will be held in Tremont Temple on TUESDAY, MAY 26. The morning session will begin at 10 A. M., with a devotional service, conducted by Rev. George H.

Reed, of Belmont, Mass. Delegates and life members will be admitted by ticket to the floor. The galleries will be open to the public. The meeting will be open for the introduction of resolutions, the appointment of committees, and announcements by the chairman.

10.15 A. M. The Treasurer will present his Annual Statement, and the Secretary will make his Annual Address.

10.45 A. M. Addresses: "Gathering a Congregation in a New Field," Rev. James C. Duncan; "Creating a Unitarian Church in a College Town," Rev. Albert R. Vail, of Urbana, Ill.; "The Growth of Unity Among the Churches," Rev. Ambrose E. Vernon.

11.45 A. M. Annual Address by the President.

12.15 P. M. Report of the Special Commission on the Membership and Methods of the Association, Hon. Leslie C. Cornish.

12.30 P. M. Intermission.

2.30 P. M. Annual Meeting of the American Unitarian Association (continued). Five ten-minute addresses on "The Call of the Hour to the Free Churches."

"To the Coming Generation," Rev. William I. Lawrance, Secretary of the Department of Religious Education.

"To the Spirit of Self-Reliance in Churches and Conferences," Rev. Fred V. Hawley, of Chicago.

"To the Promotion of Social Welfare," Rev. Edgar S. Wiers, of Montclair, N. J.

"To the Laymen," Rev. Samuel B. Nobbs, of Marlboro.

"To the Ministry," Rev. Henry Wilder Foote, of Cambridge.

3.30 P. M. Report of the Nominating Committee. Election of officers and directors.

4 P. M. Report of Business Committee. Discussion and Business.

On Wednesday, May 27, at 2.30 P. M., there will be held a Forward Movement Meeting in the Arlington Street Church. Hon. Wm. S. Kyle, President of the Unitarian Club of Boston, will preside. Devotional service will be conducted by Rev. P. R. Frothingham. Addresses on "The New Missionary Impulse," will be made by Dr. Charles W. Eliot, Rev. Jabez T. Sunderland, and Rev. William L. Sullivan. There will be congregational singing, and the entire church will be open to the public.

Good News About the Isles of Shoals

After considerable effort, those in charge of arrangements for the the Isles of Shoals have secured from the proprietor of the hotel a reduction in the rate of board. The price is this year reduced from fourteen to twelve dollars a week, with a few rooms at a higher rate. This is a marked concession, especially in view of the fact that the accommodations are to be better this year than ever, including the newly-installed electric lighting. The concession was made upon the promise of the several members of the committee that they would make wide announcement of the reduction and do all in their power to secure a large attendance. "The Shoals" are themselves so attractive, and the meetings so gloriously successful, that multitudes of loyal friends are found everywhere. If these will but speak to others who do not know the advantages, circulating the word of the reduced rates, much will be done towards increasing the attendance at the meetings. A good program is in process of formation and will be ready for announcement in the near future.

The Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women

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25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

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226 Windermere Ave., Wayne, Pa.

Service Pensions

It has been suggested to the Executive Board of the Alliance that a new avenue of helpfulness is open to our Branches through the Unitarian Service Pension Society. The Board approves this suggestion and herewith presents it to such of our Branches as are able and willing to act on it. The Unitarian Service Pension Society has already a permanent fund, of which the American Unitarian Association is Trustee, but the income is not sufficient at present to meet the needs, although it is expected that ultimately it will be.

The Society is therefore dependent on additional voluntary annual contributions from churches, ministers, Alliance Branches and other generous friends to carry on its work.

"All Unitarian ministers who are sixty-five years of age and have a record of at least twenty years of active, honorable Unitarian professional service," are entitled to receive a pension from this fund. It hardly seems necessary to point out the value of these pensions or the encouragement they offer to young men contemplating entering our ministry. Few of the salaries of our ministers are sufficient to enable them to live in such a way as their positions require and at the same time make adequate provision for their old age.

Some of our Branches are already giving annually to this work. Are there not others who will join in it and also bring the subject to the attention of their churches and of individuals, realizing that this is a subject that a minister may hesitate to put before his people.

We are glad to quote from the *Pacific Unitarian* for February, Miss Easton's account of the formation of an Associate Alliance of the women of Northern California. "The movement was inaugurated early in 1913 by Mrs. Jessie B. Brady, the capable manager of the Unitarian Headquarters in San Francisco, and at the Annual Conference of our Pacific Coast churches, held in Oakland in May last, the women present held a meeting, at which this Associate Alliance project was favorably considered, and in pursuance of that decision a 'Round-the-Bay Meeting' was held in our Unitarian church in San Francisco, under the auspices of the Society for Christian Work, which it happens is the largest Alliance in the whole body. We were called to order by Mrs. Drummond, the President of the Society, and Mrs. Brady offered the following:

Resolved, That we, the women of the Alliances of Northern California, unite to form an Associate Alliance. This resolution being unanimously adopted, Mrs. Drummond appointed the following ladies a committee on organization: Mrs. Jessie B. Brady, Mrs. Bradford Leavitt, San Francisco; Mrs. W. F. Eschbacher, Oakland; Mrs. Fred Maurer, Alameda; Mrs. Arthur Maxon Smith, Berkeley. The President also suggested that Mrs. C. S. S. Dutton be requested to act as an advisory member of the committee,

Mrs. Dutton having in her Brooklyn experience become acquainted with the workings of the New York League, an Associate Alliance of the Unitarian women in and about New York City.

The object of this new organization is to strengthen the work of the women in our individual churches, while at the same time, emphasizing our denominational life. It has been suggested that our Associate Alliance hold two meetings a year, at one of which we have heart-to-heart talks on the practical side of our church work, our housekeeping and our money raising and all our little struggles and difficulties; while at the other we consider what the great word Unitarian stands for—its missionary work, the splendid work of our national bodies (both men and women,) and the crying need in the world to-day of what *We* represent."

The Executive Board

Miss Bancroft returned from the Southern Conference at Dallas, Texas, just in time for the meeting of the Executive Board on April 10th. Throughout the trip every courtesy was extended to the Alliance President, many groups of workers were visited, conferences with officers were held, the new branch at Houston, Texas, was included with Dallas and San Antonio. The report is one of renewed enthusiasm and genuine appreciation of the workers in the several branches visited. It is good to know that Texas has now enough members to be entitled to a director, the first in the South.

Mrs. Davis sent a report from Cleveland, where she was attending the sessions of the Meadville Conference and Associate Alliance.

The Lenox Avenue Branch, New York City, has made Mrs. Merle St. Croix Wright a life member of The Alliance.

The following names have been placed *In Memoriam.*

Mrs. Sarah Houghton Ballou, Newton Centre; Mrs. Mary F. Batchelder, Concord, N. H.; Mrs. Mary E. Dunbar, Canton, Mass.; Mrs. Mary Swift Gill and Mrs. A. Davis Weld, Jamaica Plain; Mrs. Susan W. Ives, Andover, N. H.; Mrs. Adeline M. Milliken, Lexington; Mrs. Angie Lyon Scott, Providence; Mrs. Deborah Horton Wheeler and Mrs. Ansel L. White, Belfast.

Contributions to the amount of nine hundred dollars have already been received for the Fifield Memorial from one hundred and twenty branches and four individuals.

Miss Lowell gave an interesting account of her trip through the Carolina circuit. A more generous support of this missionary enterprise is bespoken. Will branches when they send money for Southern work specify whether they are giving to the Southern Circuit Fund, for ministers' salaries, etc., administered by the Southern Missionary Committee, or to the educational and social service departments, administered by the Carolina Industrial School? Attention is called to an earlier number of WORD AND WORK in which this matter was explained in detail.

The work of cataloguing the books and getting them into place on the new shelves in Room 10 at 25 Beacon Street, Boston, is making good progress. An enlarged and up-to-date circulating library will soon be ready for the readers who desire to make use of it.

The delegates from the Alliance to the business meeting of the American Unitarian Association are the treasurer and the two secretaries.

The officers at Houston are President, Mrs. Lewis Fogle, 118 Anita Street; Secretary, Mrs. H. G. Thayer, Bremont Avenue; Treasurer, Mrs. H. C. Bancroft, Whitney Street.

The next meeting will be held in Boston, May 22nd, Friday, immediately preceeding Anniversary Week.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Credential tickets for the meeting of May 27th have been sent to branch secretaries in accordance with the numbers recorded in the Manual. If increased membership entitles a branch to additional delegates, word should be sent promptly to the Recording Secretary. If a branch desires to send a woman as delegate who is not a member of The Alliance, it may do so by paying the balance of the dollar fee from the treasury, thus making her for the present year a member of The Alliance eligible to serve as delegate.

From Hamburg, New York, comes this grateful letter: Because our hearts are so full of gratitude and appreciation, we, the women of the Hamburg Alliance, feel that we must tell you other National Alliance women just what your response has meant. It has been the most beautiful experience of our history. The money response was more than generous, something over seventy-five dollars, but apart from that and far more beautiful to us was the spirit of the responses. Such cordial, encouraging help that we felt that you were just as interested as we. And those of you who felt your home needs were greater and that you could not spare us money, but still sent us your word of good will, must have known how much we needed it. To all of you our most grateful thanks and our deepest appreciation. Our hope shall ever be that we may always be a worthy part of such a perfect whole.

Unitarian Headquarters, Chautauqua, N. Y.

Unitarian House in Chautauqua will be open as usual through July and August. Public services will be held each Wednesday evening and Sunday morning. A Post Office Mission loan library will be in operation, and in the reading and writing room free tracts will be on exhibition for distribution. A special conference for mutual encouragement, followed by a meeting of Alliance women who are present will be held on Wednesday, August 5th. Rev. and Mrs. William Channing Brown will be in charge of the house and they will be glad to render any assistance possible to Unitarians and liberals who come to Chautauqua.

A scholarship, in memory of Edward Everett Hale, which will make it possible for some school teacher to take advantage of the remarkable system of Summer Schools at Chautauqua is under way. Any persons who desire to contribute towards this $50 which we are raising may send the amount to Rev. William Channing Brown, Littleton, Mass.

The Southern Associate Alliance held its nineteenth annual meeting at Dallas, Texas, April 3, 1914.

The business meeting was preceded by a luncheon at which Miss Anna M. Bancroft was the guest of honor. Some eighty enthusiastic men and women attended this affair. Mrs. E. P. Turner, President of the Dallas Woman's Forum, presided as toastmistress, and introduced Mrs. J. H. Carlson, who responded for the local Women's Alliance; Mrs. Bird of San Angelo; Mrs. D. Seegur, of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. H. W. Churchill of New Orleans, Vice President of the South-

ern States, West; Miss Harriet Spalding, President of the Southern Associate Alliance; Rev. George Gilmore, minister of the Dallas Unitarian Church, and Miss Bancroft.

At the business meeting, held at two-thirty o'clock, Miss Spaulding presided and Rev. William Channing Brown made the prayer at the devotional service. Miss Spalding gave the President's address of greeting, and Mrs. George Gilmour, President of the Dallas Women's Alliance, welcomed the visitors to the local church. Greetings were read from Mrs. R. H. Davis, National Corresponding secretary and from Miss Low. Mention was made of the fact that although this was the nineteenth meeting of the body, the Southern Alliance was organized twenty-five years ago. A new Branch has been formed at Houston, Texas, which brings the membership in the State of Texas to the required mark to entitle it to a State Director. Mrs. E. A. Goddard of Louisville Ky., was elected secretary, to succeed Mrs. E. N. Willis. The crowning event of the meeting was the stirring address given by Miss Bancroft, and this was received with great enthusiasm and must result in the redoubling of the efforts of the Southern Branches. The meeting adjourned to meet next year at Louisville, Ky.

Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Thorne entertained at their home for the members of the church and their guests. A musical programme was given, at which all of the talent came from the Unitarian Church of Dallas. Saturday afternoon an automobile ride was arranged by the local Alliance for the visitors, and this concluded the entertainments and business meetings which were connected exclusively with the Alliance.

MRS. E. N. WILLIS,
Sec. Southern Associate Alliance.

Reports

Full reports have been received from the Ohio branches. At the First Congregational Church of Cincinnati, besides all their many other activities, they have a little shop kept open daily for the sale of the handiwork of "Shut Ins." These invalids are taught to make salable articles by the young people of the church. Ladies serve tea at the sales-room and send invitations to personal friends. Unity Branch, "though small, is full of self-respect and hope." Cleveland has added thirty-four to its membership with no lapses at all. Also, the Branch has held a successful fair, "netting $2,000 and a social time with many of its orthodox friends." Dayton has sewed every two weeks for its flood sufferers and has kept a young girl in the High School by making her dresses and paying for a nurse for her mother. Marietta has raised $400 to efface the effects of the flood. "Undeterred by the trials of the year, their hands are steady to the plow and their eyes to the future." Little Lakewood is already making itself felt in the community. Toledo closed an unusually prosperous year with the decision to make all its members National. Youngstown meets fortnightly and cooks, sews and socially serves the old, sick the blind, and the charitable institutions.

In Indiana the little branch at Hobart is raising seemingly impossible sums for its local emergencies and it has the courage "to regret that it can send only $10.00 to the Western Conference." From Indianapolis the secretary writes "our hearts are filled with satisfaction as we look back. No one who has been one of this body of devoted women can have failed to recognize, however dimly, that to an unusual and beautiful degree the

spirit of co-operation is at work—whether one can gracefully turn a phrase, neatly turn a hem, deftly turn a pancake, or tactfully turn the subject, her usefulness is greatly prized. Even the turning of a penny is not despised."

Detroit, Michigan, followed the old English custom of having a band of "Christmas Waits." They went about the city singing carols as they took up a collection of $56.00, which was given the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The first page of the Chicago Daily Tribune is headed by a most appropriate motto — "We Will — Where there's a Will—there's a Way." This is Chicago's new motto and it is being carried out by women who are awake to needs of the home, the schools, the village and the city. Among these women, Unitarians are leaders. This educational or civic welfare campaign is of vital interest to the women of Aurora, Geneva, Bloomington and Chicago, and more and more, we are directing our attention to Good Citizenship as the natural outcome of moral and religious training.

The programme of the Chicago Associate Alliance has dealt with the work of women in the problems of today: Women in International Peace, Women in the Ministry, Women in Industry, Social Ideals in Present Day Verse, the Work of Notable Women—Susan B. Anthony, Baroness Von Suttner, Florence Nightingale and the Grimke Sisters.

Although in each church the women are showing an increasing interest in general Alliance work their efforts to raise money have been none the less strenuous, and they report the usual number of sales and suppers to answer the demands of the home church and local charities. If the Financial Committee is able to pay the regular expenses of Minister's salary and music, let us rejoice and believe we still have work to do.

Through the efforts of our Vice-President, Mrs. Delano, whose loyalty and devotion is unsurpassed, the needs of Southern people at Dix House were brought to the attention of our women and a splendid response resulted in gifts of all kinds from towels to a piano. Besides this, an annual pledge will be made.

The two Branches of St. Louis report programme topics of unusual interest. At Unity Branch the subject has been "The Child in the House." And at the Eliot Branch "The Religious Drama." A noticeable feature of these meetings at the Eliot Branch has been the interest shown by women of the other churches of the city. The Social Service Committee has made a survey of of the social work done by members of the church which shows in detail that about fifty per cent of the people attending church are engaged in forty-one organizations for public service. About three-fourths of this number of workers are Alliance members who, besides working on the Alliance Committees, may be found wherever progressive, civic and social work is being done by the city. The Eliot Fountain, providing the only free ice water in the city, is maintained by the Alliance and has proven an untold blessing durthe hot summers.

From the Kansas Branches have come words of cheer from Lawrence and Wichita. Topeka is not doing as well since the church is closed, but it is hoped that the Alliance will hold together and that we may hear better things in the Fall. Lawrence publishes a monthly paper, "Unity Record." In speaking of its "Paragraph Pulpit," it says: "An interesting addition to our equipment is the new Para-

graph Pulpit which in all weathers speaks to passers-by from its station on the elm in front of the church. Those who frequent the neighborhood say that numbers of people halt beneath it every day to read its brief sermon. And there is a new sermon every few days."

Mrs. Westerly writes from Nebraska that the Omaha Branch is still alive although the church is closed. The Lincoln Branch is moving on happily with a luncheon each month and a social afternoon besides. They have a new business women's organization in the church for the benefit of the women who are not able to attend day time meetings. This organization holds monthly dinners at the church.

Mrs. McClench reports that Ware has raised its dues from twenty-five cents to $1.00. Springfield is doing much valuable civic work, including raising $800 for a visiting teacher in connection with the city's schools.

Mrs. Sherman tells us of the new Unity Home Branch in New Bedford. "Mrs. Buckshorn, until now president of the Vineyard Haven Branch, an experienced Alliance woman, finds eighteen or twenty women, with their local work well in hand, prepared to be led into the fellowship privileges of the Alliance. Under these circumstances the progress of our new branch will be interesting." Norton is most grateful to her sister branches for their response to the appeal for help in furnishing the parsonage. At New Bedford perhaps the most important local work just now is influence and financial assistance in keeping the church open week days, with an attendant.

At this time, when we are considering different forms of activity that may serve to bind the young people to the church, it is interesting to note that the British League has been discussing the formation of Junior branches. At a meeting recently held in London various ways were suggested in which the religious education of girls might be stimulated, such as a preparation class for those who wish to become members of the congregation, study circles, help in the Sunday school "happy evenings," and numerous activities of other kinds that have to do with the "domestic" side of church management. The story was told of a company of boy scouts, at Deptford, that gave practical evidence of their zeal by scrubbing the chapel floor and cleaning up the chapel yard!

The New Orleans Branch has a program of unusual interest, on "The South of Other Days." The several topics are, "Conditions and Character," "Social Life," "Romantic Life," "Domestic Life," "Religious Life," "Child Life." "The charm of the Old South grows on us as the years pass, and with ever keener enjoyment we read the stories that have come down to us laden with the fragrance of her blossoms, vibrating with the thrill of her bird songs, and fresh with the breath of her soft breezes." "The peculiar intimacy and understanding that existed in the domestic circle forms the setting for a picture which reflects a life that has no parallel in history, a structure incredible to those who knew it not, and now under new conditions almost incredible to those who knew it best."

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Miss GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary* Mr. O. ARTHUR MCMURDIE, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors' Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Young People's Religious Union for 1913-1914 was held in Room 11, 25 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., on Tuesday afternoon, April 7, 1914, at 2 o'clock.

President Bates presided and there were present: Mr. Eliot, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Lyndon, Mr. McMurdie, Miss Richards, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Ryder, Miss Simmons and the secretary, while Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell and Rev. Harold G. Arnold of the Policy Committee were guests on this occasion.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting which were accepted as read: and the treasurer reported.

The Finance Committee had nothing further to report than that the second letter had gone out to the non-contributing unions. This report was accepted with the suggestion that the remaining unions be communicated with in some way.

Miss Simmons, for the Union-at-Large, reported 82 tracts sent out with the March WORD AND WORK.

The Chairman of the Extension Committee, Mr. Hooper, reported having kept in touch with the various supervisors.

Miss Simmons, for the Publication Committee, reported recommending that 3,000 copies of the sixteen page pamphlet on the Y. P. R. U., as prepared by Mr. Sanford Bates, be printed.

VOTED: that the Mehitable Wilson Fund be used, as far as necessary, to meet the expense of the three publications and that credit be given to the donor.

VOTED: that printed programs for the Annual Meeting be ready at the opening of Anniversary Week; and that these be sent to local churches in quantity some time previous to the meeting.

VOTED: that the question of sending out these programs be referred to the committee on the program for the Annual Meeting with the suggestions as put forth by the Board.

VOTED: that the balance of the appropriation for student assistant work be paid.

The secretary then read a most interesting letter from the Pacific Coast Director, Miss Emma R. Ross of Los Angeles, California, covering several very vital points. All expressed gratification at the issues raised therein.

VOTED: that a committee of three, consisting of the president, the treasurer and Mr. Frederick M. Eliot, be appointed to look into the matter and to take such action as seems advisable; and that this be referred to the next meeting.

On motion of Mr. McMurdie, it was unanimously

VOTED: that proper acknowledgement be made to Miss Ross for this letter and that she be told of what action the present Board has taken.

VOTED: that the invitation of the Shoals Association be accepted and that the president and secretary be a committee to arrange for this.

Mr. McMurdie suggested that a copy of the letter from Miss Ross be sent to the members of the Policy Committee.

VOTED: to make the Policy Committee acquainted, through the president and secretary, with what has been done.

As there was no further business,

VOTED: to adjourn.

GRACE R. TORR, *Secretary.*

Annual Meeting

2 P. M.—Annual business meeting of the Young People's Religious Union, in the vestry of the South Congregational Church, corner of Exeter and Newbury Streets, for reports, election of officers and conference. Rev. J. T. Sunderland, D. D., will speak on "What the Y. P. R. U. Can Do to Give Our Unitarian Faith to the Orient."

5—7 P. M. —Reception by the Boston Federation to the officers of the Young People's Religious Union in the parlors of the South Congregational Church. A collation will be served to which delegates from the Unions and Young People's Societies are invited.

7.30 P. M.—Public meeting of the Young People's Religious Union in the South Congregational Church. Rev. William G. Eliot, Jr., Portland, Oregon, will conduct the devotional service. Addresses: "The Opportunity for Social Service of Unitarian Young People." Speakers: Hon. Grafton D. Cushing, Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; Dr. Richard C. Cabot of the Massachusetts General Hospital; Rev. John Haynes Holmes of New York, N. Y. Music by a Young People's Chorus Choir from the Boston Federation.

This in outline is the program for our Annual Meeting. The Hospitality Committee of the Boston Federation offers entertainment over Thursday night for the delegates too far away to return to their homes, and the names and addresses of all those who intend to avail themselves of this hospitality should be sent to the Chairman, Mr. Frederick G. May, Jr., *at once.* Few realize what a help such entertainment is in the way of general hospitality, or indeed what effort and expense the federation voluntarily puts into this work of hospitality; one of the ways in which we may show our gratitude and appreciation is by responding promptly.

Each union is urged to attend to the matter of appointing its three delegates, tickets for whom will be mailed presently, and it certainly could not fail to stimulate every society should the delegates be expected to make some sort of a report of the business session.

Boston Federation Hospitality

The Young People's Religious Union will hold its Annual Meeting on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, May 28, 1914, at the South Congregational Church, corner of Exeter and Newbury Streets, Boston, Mass.

The young people of the Boston Federation extend a cordial invitation to delegates from out of town, who come to Boston for this meeting, to the hospitality of their homes on Thursday night.

We ask that all delegates who wish entertainment send their names and addresses to the chairman. The services of several of the Boston young people will be at the command of the delegates who register at Room 3, 25 Beacon Street, on Thursday morning.

A luncheon will be served at the Bulfinch Place Church; and directions as to reaching the church and the South Congregational Church will be given at headquarters.

A reception to the officers of the Young People's Religious Union will

follow the afternoon meeting, and supper *for the delegates* will be served at six o'clock.

Cordially yours,

FREDERICK G. MAY, JR.,

Chairman of the Hospitality Committee of the Boston Federation.

Pilgrim Federation

The March meeting of the Pilgrim Federation was held at the Unitarian Church, Rockland, Mass., on Thursday evening, March 26.

The meeting opened with the vice-president, Mr. Harold King, in the chair; and the devotional exercises were led by Rev. L. A. Walker, after which the president of the Rockland Union, Miss Marion Delano, gave a short address of welcome.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. Edward L. Houghton of Norwell, Mass., whose topic was "Jesus, the Young Man," Mr. Houghton referred to important men of history whose memorable deeds were performed in their youth.

Jesus was not quite thirty years old when he began to preach and was little older than that when his work was finished. The speaker then showed some of Jesus' chief characteristics—bravery, sympathy and enthusiasm. He then referred to the public conscience which seems to be growing more and more sensitive as illustrated in recent presidential campaigns and seemed to think that we are on the threshold of an era in which Christian ethics shall prevail more widely than ever before.

In closing, Mr. Houghton said: "Be glad that you are young people of the twentieth century, that you may see the mighty developments along the highest lines along which the world's progress heretofore has been so slow. And if these things at which I have hinted come to pass, it will be because you young people make it so."

The business meeting was then held and the secretary's report was read and accepted; the treasurer also made his report and twenty dollars was voted to the general treasury of the Young People's Religious Union.

The roll call was taken, showing 14 from Brockton; 11 from Rockland; 3 from West Bridgewater; and 3 from Bridgewater.

The meeting was adjourned and a short entertainment followed, consisting of readings and vocal solos, music and dancing bringing the occasion to a close.

Respectfully submitted,

IRENE B. WALKER, *Secretary.*

Annual Meeting of the Boston Federation

The annual meeting of the Boston Federation of Young People's Religious Unions was held in the First Parish Church, Eliot Square, Roxbury, Mass., on Sunday, April 26. At four o'clock the business meeting took place, when reports of the officers, directors and the several committees were heard; and the annual election was in order.

The evening meeting was open to the public when Dr. Charles W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard University, spoke on "Universal Religion." This subject is of vital interest to all liberal Christians. Rev. James De Normandie, D. D., of Roxbury, conducted the devotional part of the service. The presence of both these Unitarian leaders was assurance of a large gathering of young and old, making the occasion one long to remember.

Notes From the Field

Bernardston, Mass.—The Young People's Fraternity holds its annual meeting the first Sunday in May. The members are reported as active and taking an interest in the work of the parish. Through their efforts in securing subscriptions, a man and a boy in their midst have both been provided with much-needed wooden legs.

Yarmouth, Maine.—The Young People's Religious Union here has held occasional union meetings with the young people of the other denominations, and thereby considerably quickened the loyalty and interest of its own membership.

Minneapolis, Minn.—"The work in the University has been unusually successful this year. The room we have usually used has proved too small and the meetings have had to be held in a larger room. The attendance of students at church has remained about the same. The students have entered largely into the social life of the church."

Madison, Wis.—"Our branch of the Y. P. R. U. has made and carried out a good programme of work. Two dollars were sent toward the fair in Boston, one dollar was sent for Temperance posters which now may be seen by all who pass the church. (This is an important contribution toward the 'dry campaign' just now being waged here.) The annual dues to the Associated Charities have been paid. A successful supper and entertainment brought out a good crowd and put a 'nest egg' in the treasury. One of the most valuable features of our work is the way the young people respond to the request for talks and addresses. Most of the meetings are addressed by the members themselves. In case of new members it requires some persuasion to gain their consent; sometimes too they will fail at the last moment. But we have one to look out for this; we just go right ahead, make another date, several dates, but at last the thing is done; the speech has been written and delivered and applauded (we always applaud), and there is a new interest on the part of that particular member ever after. We elect members twice each year.

"On one occasion, the members of the Baptist Church, colored, were present by invitation at our regular meeting. This is a little group of negroes who are seeking to develop a church of their own. Their pastor spoke, as did one of their members and a student in the College of Agriculture. We gave them the collection. One of our Texas students said that it would not be possible to hold such a meeting in the South.

"Once a month comes a business meeting; we hold these in the parish house with a light supper at five o'clock. After this we are ready to adjourn to the regular service which comes at half past six every Sunday."

Young People's Day at the Shoals

Wednesday, July 15, has been appointed Young People's Day, when the program has been placed in their hands. Mr. Frederick M. Eliot, pastor's assistant in the First Parish Church, Cambridge, Mass., is expected to deliver an address, while a concert will be in order for the evening. The leader of the early morning service in the stone meeting house has not yet been decided.

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One of the highest authorities in Germany is Dr. Hugo Litchtenberg of Charlottenburg. He asserts that it is the opinion of the medical board of which he is a member that the large and increasing number of defective and diseased pupils owe their unfortunate condition chiefly to the growing use of liquor (principally beer) by German families.

A distinguished educator of Vienna, Prof. Franz Salzlechner, comes to the same conclusion. He points out that children in the wine-growing districts are of very much lower grade, both in physique and intelligence, than those in regions where less liquor is used.

In 1909, the matter of Drink among students in the higher schools in Hungary (243,221 in all) was carefully investigated by a government commission. About one-quarter were found to be abstainers; about a fifth drank something daily; the others (a little over one-half) drank only occasionally. The constant users came largely from the lower classes, who believe that liquor is both good food and valuable medicine—the ancient superstition that does the chief mischief and that must be destroyed. The report stated: "Those drinking liquor are slow in thinking, morally weak, quarrelsome, and cannot be trusted."

In writing to me from Kolozsvar, Prof. George Boros (of our Unitarian College there) makes this hopeful statement: "I am glad to inform you that we recently had an exhibition here on Hygiene, where it was shown in various ways what a destructive influence drink has on body and mind. Thousands flocked to see it; especially school boys and girls were there in crowds. I have no doubt it had a good effect."

What a fine thing it would be to have such an exhibition in the corner room opposite every saloon in the land! Here is a great opportunity for a millionaire philanthropist. Who will be the first to seize upon it? Meanwhile, a few friends of Temperance can begin this useful work anywhere. If begun it will rapidly grow.

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